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1. (LNU) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY BE BRIEFED TO JOURNALISTS EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE NOTED.

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A. (LOU) TO BE BRIEFED TO PRESS: DESPITE AN UNANNOUNCED BUT STRICTLY ENFORCED 2200 CURFEW, ROCKETS STRUCK KABUL ON THREE NIGHTS. IN ADDITION, A HELICOPTER CRASHED. SEVERE GASOLINE SHORTAGES AND INCREASING POWER OUTAGES COMPOUNDED PROBLEMS FOR RESIDENTS OF THE CAPITAL. MEANWHILE, PRESS GANGS HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY AGGRESSIVE, DRAGOONING BOYS AS YOUNG AS 16 FROM THE STREETS AND EVEN FROM SCHOOLS FOR THE DRA MILITARY. THE ACTIVITY APPEARS RELATED TO NAJIBULLAH'S CALL FOR AN INCREASE IN THE DRA'S ARMED FORCES. REPORTS INDICATE THAT STUDENTS ARE AMONG THE SUPPORTERS OF SABIR KARMAL WHO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN THE WAKE OF THE RECENT PARTY PLENUM AND CONFERENCE. FIGHTING CONTINUES TO THE SOUTH AND WEST. LUGAR FOR MOST ROCKET LAUNCHES AGAINST THE CITY. FOLLOWING THE PARTY CONFERENCE, NAJIBULLAH LED A HIGH-RANKING DELEGATION TO MOSCOW TO ATTEND THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOLSHEVIK REVOLUTION. REPORTS FROM LUGAR ARE BEGINNING TO PROVIDE THE OUTLINES OF THE MAJOR SOVIET/DRA OFFENSIVE THERE IN LATE OCTOBER. CIVILIAN CASUALTIES APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN HEAVY. CIVILIAN CASUALTIES ALSO ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN HEAVY IN RECENT FIGHTING IN PAGHMAN, THE SHOMALI, PARWAN AND PAKISTAN. AFGHANS REPORT THAT THE GHAZNI ROAD (KABUL TO KANDAHAR ROAD) IS AGAIN CLOSED WITH ACCOUNTS OF MULTIPLE MUJAHIDIN AMBUSHES ALONG THE ROUTE THROUGH GHAZNI AND ZARUL PROVINCES. INCOMING CASUALTIES FROM KANDAHAR CORROBORATE REPORTS OF HEAVY FIGHTING IN AND AROUND THE CITY. REPORTS ALSO POINT TO NEW FIGHTING IN THE PANJSHIR AND NEAR MAIDAN SHAK. POSSIBLY THE DESTINATION OF A LARGE SOVIET ARMORED COLUMN WHICH LEFT KABUL ON OCTOBER 29. THE REGIME HAS ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF TWO NON-PUPA INDIVIDUALS TO SENIOR DRA POSITIONS. BOTH ARE MEMBERS OF A LEFTIST LABOR GROUPS WITH WHICH THE PUPA RECENTLY HAS EXPANDED TIES. A COMPARISON OF OCTOBER 1986 AND 1987 MARKET PRICES INDICATES SUBSTANTIAL PRICE INCREASES FOR SUCH STAPLES AS GRAINS, FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AND MEATS. THE PRICE RISES ARE WELL IN EXCESS OF THE 20 PERCENT DECLINE IN THE VALUE OF THE AFGHANI RECORDED OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

B. (C) NOT TO BE BRIEFED TO PRESS: THE DRA FOREIGN MINISTRY CLAIMS TO HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF TWO U.S. JOURNALISTS REPORTED KILLED IN THE PAGHMAN AREA IN EARLY OCTOBER. IT WILL INVESTIGATE. AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT CLAIMS TWO SOVIET AIRCRAFT RECENTLY COLLIDED WITH RESULTING HEAVY LOSS OF SOVIET PERSONNEL. A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT REPORTS A RUMOR THAT KARMAL HAS BEEN MOVED OUT OF MOSCOW.

3. (LOU) KABUL CITY DEVELOPMENTS: DESPITE UNUSUALLY TIGHT SECURITY, INCLUDING ENFORCEMENT OF AN AS YET UNANNOUNCED CURFEW, AND SOVIET-DRA SWEEP OPERATIONS SOUTH AND WEST OF THE CITY, MUJAHIDIN ROCKETED THE CAPITAL THREE NIGHTS DURING THE WEEK. ON OCTOBER 30, A

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HELICOPTER CRASHED AND BURIED INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS.  
SOVIET ARMOR AND AGGRESSIVE REGIME SECURITY PERSONNEL  
MANNED NIGHTTIME CHECKPOINTS AND ROAD BLOCKS THROUGHOUT  
THE CAPITAL, VIRTUALLY SEALING OFF THE WESTERN PART OF  
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THE CITY. SOME CIVILIANS WHO VENTURED OUT AFTER 2130  
HOURS, UNAWARE OF THE UNANNOUNCED CURFEW, WERE DETAINED  
BRIEFLY. DRA PRESS GANGS MEANWHILE, STEPPED UP THEIR  
RECRUITMENT OF YOUNG MEN, DRAUGHNING BOYS AS YOUNG AS 16  
(SEE HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS, PARA 18). RELIABLE  
DIPLOMAT AND LOCAL SOURCES REPORTED THE FOLLOWING  
SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS:

-- OCTOBER 31: AT 0030, FIVE ROCKETS IMPACTED IN THE

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KHAIR KHANA AREA.

-- OCTOBER 30: AT 1605, A HELICOPTER CRASHED, EXPLODED AND BURNED NEAR A MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT WAREHOUSE OFFICE ADJACENT TO PERIMETER ROAD. THE PRESENCE OF SOVIET ARMORED VEHICLES GUARDING THE WRECKAGE SITE INDICATED THAT THE HELICOPTER PROBABLY WAS SOVIET.

-- OCTOBER 29: A LOCAL SOURCE REPORTS SEVERAL SALVOS OF ROCKETS STRUCK THE CITY IN THE DARLAMAN AREA; ONE IMPACTED NEAR A DRA MILITARY POST KILLING SEVERAL DRA TROOPS. THE ROCKETS REPORTEDLY WERE FIRED FROM HIGH GROUND IN THE PAGMAN AREA. AT 0005, DIPLOMATS HEARD THREE SMALL EXPLOSIONS IN THE KARTE PARWAN AREA, POSSIBLY CAUSED BY IMPACTING MORTAR ROUNDS.

-- OCTOBER 26: NUMEROUS SOURCES REPORT INCOMING ROCKETS IN THE KHAIR KHANA, KARTE PARWAN AND CHILSITON AREAS. TWO ROCKETS HIT A SOVIET MILITARY CAMP IN KHAIR KHANA DESTROYING SEVERAL MILITARY VEHICLES; ONE HIT A HOUSE IN THE CHILSITON AREA. THE HARBAGE PROMPTED OUTGOING ARTILLERY FIRE.

-- COMBAT IN THE PROVINCES --

4. (LUG) KAPUL PROVINCE:

A. KABUL WEST: SPORADIC FIGHTING CONTINUED WEST OF KABUL IN THE PAUMAN-KARGHA AREA, HIGHLIGHTED BY MUJAHIDIN ATTACKS ON SOVIET AND DRA POSITIONS NEAR KARGHA, OCTOBER 26 AND 29. SARANDOI UNITS POSITIONED NEAR KARGHA LAKE THROUGH THE SUMMER HAVE PULLED BACK TO KABUL. DIPLOMATIC AND LOCAL SOURCES REPORT THE FOLLOWING INCIDENTS:

-- OCTOBER 30: AN AFGHAN REPORTS THAT SOVIET ARTILLERY FIRED INTO POPULATED AREAS IN THE PAGMAN AREA LATE IN THE DAY WOUNDING AND KILLING SOME CIVILIANS (INCLUDING A RELATIVE OF THIS SOURCE).

-- OCTOBER 29: A KNOWLEDGEABLE AFGHAN SOURCE REPORTS MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED SOVIET AND DRA POSITIONS NEAR KARGHA LAKE DURING THE EVENING.

-- OCTOBER 26: FOLLOWING SOVIET AERIAL BOMBARDMENT OF THE SANGLAH VALLEY DURING THE DAY, MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED SOVIET AND DRA POSITIONS NEAR KARGHA LAKE DURING THE NIGHT. IN FIGHTING SOUTHWEST OF PAGMAN, HEARD IF CABLE, DRA FORCES LOST 16 KILLED AND KHAW FOUR. SOVIET FORCES ALSO TOOK CASUALTIES IN THE FIGHTING.

-- OCTOBER 24-25: DURING THE EVENING (EITHER OCTOBER 24 OR 25) A BOMB EXPLODED IN A SMALL VILLAGE WEST OF KABUL CITY ON THE NORTHERN PAGMAN ROAD. SHORTLY AFTER THE

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EXPLOSION (AT 0200) URA MILITARY AND KHAK TROOPS CAME TO  
THE VILLAGE TO QUESTION LOCAL PEOPLE ABOUT THE IDENTITY  
OF THE BOMBER(S). FRUSTRATED BY THE LACK OF INFORMATION  
THE FORCES TREATED THE MEN OF THE VILLAGE ROUGHLY.  
VILLAGERS TIED THE BOMBING TO POPULAR FACTIONAL RIVALRIES.

-- OCTOBER 22: SARANDOI FORCES POSTED AT THE SOUTHERN  
END OF LAKE KARGHA THROUGH THE SUMMER WITHDREW TO THEIR  
HOME BASE AT KHAK-E-JA2-4 (34°24'N 69°29'E). SOVIET

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FORCES REMAINED POSITIONED ON NEARBY HILLS.

3. KABUL SOUTH:

-- OCTOBER 31: RELIABLE DIPLOMATS OBSERVED AN APPARENT SURFACE TO AIR MISSILE FIRED AT AN AN-24 AIRCRAFT AT A POINT APPROXIMATELY 15 KMS SOUTH OF KABUL. THE MISSILE MISSED ITS TARGET.

-- OCTOBER 30: AT 0720 JET AIRCRAFT WERE OBSERVED CIRCLING OVER HIGH GROUND SOUTHWEST OF THE CITY. LATER IN THE MORNING JET AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING SU-26'S RETURNED FROM THE SOUTHWEST HEADING NORTH-EAST, APPARENTLY TOWARD HAJIRAM AIRBASE.

-- OCTOBER 26 - 28: AFGHANS REPORT NIGHTLY FIGHTING BETWEEN MUJAHIDIN AND SOVIET FORCES SOUTH OF KABUL IN THE RISHGOK, TAPE TJUMEN AND DARULAMAN AREAS.

-- OCTOBER 26: AN AFGHAN REPORTS MUJAHIDIN IN LALANDAR (34°23'N 69°01'E) FIRED THREE ROCKETS INTO THE DALA-T SHOLA AREA (SOUTHWEST OF DARULAMAN) AT 2300.

C. KABUL NORTH: MULTIPLE SOURCES REPORT CONTINUED FIGHTING DURING THE WEEK IN THE SHAKACARA AREA WHERE SOVIET/DRA ARTILLERY FIRE CAUSED CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. ON OCTOBER 25, DIPLOMATS REPORT OUTGOING ARTILLERY FIRE AT 2105 ACCOMPANIED BY MACHINEGUN AND OTHER AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE NORTH OF THE KHAIR KHANA PASS.

3. (LUG) LOGAR: MULTIPLE SOURCES HAVE PROVIDED DETAILS OF THE MAJOR SOVIET/DRA CAMPAIGN IN CENTRAL LOGAR PROVINCE DURING THE LAST TEN DAYS OF OCTOBER. SOVIET UNITS FROM MOGOR (ZAROL) REPORTEDLY JOINED SOVIET UNITS BASED IN KABUL AND A DRA DIVISION BASED AT CHAFAR ASIAH (34°24'N 69°09'E) IN ASSAULTS AGAINST MUJAHIDIN POSITIONS AT KOLANGAR (34°02'N 69°01'E), MUHAMMAD ABHA (34°13'N 69°06'E), KHVOSI (34°01'N 69°14'E), AND BARAKI BARAK (33°56'N 68°56'E). MUJAHIDIN FROM AS FAR AWAY AS PUGHMAN, THE PANJSHIR AND GHAZNI REPORTEDLY JOINED LOCAL MUJAHIDIN WHOSE RANKS HAD BEEN DEPLETED BY SEASONAL STRENGTH REDUCTIONS. IN SOME AREAS, PARTICULARLY BARAKI BARAK, SOVIET AND DRA FORCES TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE WEAKENED MUJAHIDIN POSITIONS AND ATTACKED PRO-MUJAHIDIN CIVILIANS, INFLECTING HEAVY CASUALTIES. (A RESIDENT OF THE AREA WHO LOST FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE SOVIET/DRA ASSAULTS SAID THAT VILLAGERS BELIEVED THE ATTACKING FORCES DELIBERATELY WAITED FOR THE SEASONAL DRAWDOWN OF MUJAHIDIN FORCES IN THE AREA BEFORE ATTACKING.) INTENSE SOVIET AIR AND ARTILLERY COMBATTMENT OF CIVILIAN AREAS, ACCORDING TO KNOWLEDGEABLE DIPLOMATS AND AFGHAN SOURCES, ALSO CAUSED SIGNIFICANT LOSSES AMONG CIVILIANS. AN AFGHAN SOURCE CLAIMS THAT SOVIET

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FORCES LOST 30 TO 40 VEHICLES IN THE PROTRACTED,  
WIDESPREAD FIGHTING. DIPLOMATS IN KARUL OBSERVED THE  
RETURN OF SOVIET ARMORED UNITS FROM LOGAR, OCTOBER 25  
AND 26, APPARENTLY SIGNALING THE ENDING DOWN OF  
CREATIONS. SEPARATE BATTLE REPORTS DETAIL SPECIFIC  
ACTION IN THE FIGHTING:  
-- OCTOBER 24: MUJAHIDIN OVERRAN TWO SOVIET POSTS AT  
BARAKI RAJAN (33°56'N 64°55'E) KILLING OR WOUNDING TEN

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TO FIFTEEN OF THE SOVIET DEFENDERS.

-- OCTOBER 15-20: MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED A SOVIET COLUMN NEAR PUL-T-ALAM DESTROYING 20 VEHICLES.

-- OCTOBER 15-22: IN HEAVY FIGHTING NEAR OC KANUJ (33°57'N 69°19'E) SOVIET/DRA FORCES LOST EIGHT ARMORED VEHICLES AND SUFFERED APPROXIMATELY 100 WOUNDED AND KILLED.

-- OCTOBER 18-19: MUJAHIDIN AMBUSHED A MAJOR, GAROL7-ROUND SOVIET CONVOY ON THE LOGAR ROAD INFLECTING HEAVY CASUALTIES WHO WERE BROUGHT BACK TO KANUL. SOVIET AIRCRAFT RESPONDED WITH HEAVY BOMBING OF THE AREA.

6. (LCU) GHAZNI: ON OCTOBER 25, MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED A SOVIET CONVOY NEAR MONOR DESTROYING THREE SOVIET VEHICLES. TWO AFGHAN SOURCES REPORT MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED A KANDAHAR-RUND DRA SUPPLY CONVOY ON OCTOBER 22 AT JARAHASH, DESTROYING TWO ARMORED VEHICLES AND KILLING THREE DRA TROOPS.

7. (LCU) ZAROL: AFGHANS REPORT THAT ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 22 MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED A DRA CONVOY NEAR DALAT. ACCORDING TO ONE OF THE SOURCES, THE MUJAHIDIN DISABLED THREE DRA ARMORED VEHICLES WITH RPG ROUNDS. THE CONVOY ABANDONED THE THREE VEHICLES AND MOVED ON TO KANDAHAR.

8. (LCU) PARWAN: A RELIABLE AFGHAN SOURCE REPORTS SOVIET AND DRA FORCES ARE MOVING TO THE PANJSHIP TO COMBAT MUJAHIDIN FORCES WHICH IN LATE OCTOBER BLOCKED THE PRINCIPAL ROAD THROUGH THE VALLEY. A SEPARATE REPORT CLAIMS THAT SEVERAL MUJAHIDIN WERE KILLED BY SOVIET ARTILLERY FRAGMENTATION ROUNDS WHICH IMPACTED ON MUJAHIDIN POSITIONS NEAR BAGRAM, OCTOBER 30. A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT REPORTS THAT MUJAHIDIN HAVE STAGED FREQUENT ATTACKS RECENTLY ON SOVIET CONVOYS MOVING ON THE SALANG ROAD SOUTH OF THE SALANG TUNNEL. THE MOST RECENT SUCH ATTACK WAS OCTOBER 29. MUJAHIDIN ATTACKS NORTH OF THE TUNNEL HAVE BEEN LESS SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE OF STRONGER SOVIET DEFENSE ALONG THAT SECTION OF THE ROAD. NORTH OF THE TUNNEL, SOVIET ARMORED UNITS ARE PERMANENTLY POSITIONED ALONG THE SALANG AND MOVE IN TO SEAL THE ROAD AND ENGAGE ATTACKING MUJAHIDIN UNITS QUICKLY.

9. (LCU) BAMIYAN: ACCORDING TO AN AFGHAN SOURCE, SOVIET AND DRA FORCES SINCE APPROXIMATELY OCTOBER 24 HAVE RE-SITED BAMIYAN TOWN AND SURROUNDING AREAS, SPREADING CIVILIAN AREAS AS WELL AS SUSPECTED MUJAHIDIN CONCENTRATIONS. SOVIET AND DRA FORCES HAVE NOT PERMITTED CIVILIANS TO MOVE OUT OF THE AREA DESPITE MOUNTING CIVILIAN CASUALTIES.

10. (LCU) KANDAHAR: KNOWLEDGEABLE DIPLOMATS REPORT HEAVY CURRENT FIGHTING AROUND KANDAHAR CITY.

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HOSPITALS OF MANY CASUALTIES FROM THE FIGHTING. THE  
REMAINS OF FIVE U.S. TROOPS KILLED BY A MINE WERE  
BROUGHT TO KAHUL, OCTOBER 31. A DIPLOMAT OF  
UNDETERMINED RELIABILITY REPORTS THAT MUJAHIDIN  
OCTOBER 10, ATTACKED THE KANDAHAR GOVERNOR'S  
RESIDENCE. A NUMBER OF U.S. DEFENDERS WERE KILLED IN  
THE CLASH.

11. (LOU) WARDAK: AM AFGHAN REPORTS MAJOR FIGHTING

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UNDERWAY IN THE MAIDAN SHAR AREA. COMMENT: A LARGE SOVIET CONVOY THAT LEFT KABUL OCTOBER 29, SEE MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS PARA 19, MAY HAVE BEEN BOUND FOR THE MAIDAN SHAR AREA.) SEPARATELY, AFGHAN SOURCES REPORT A MUJAHIDIN ATTACK ON A URA POST NEAR MAIDAN SHAR ON OCTOBER 24 AND AN OCTOBER 23 ATTACK ON A SOVIET POST AT NARI-MAIDAN SHAR IN WHICH MUJAHIDIN OVERRAN THE INSTALLATION.

12. (LCU) MANGARHAR: RELIABLE DIPLOMATS REPORT THAT MUJAHIDIN CONTINUE TO FIRE ROCKETS AND PLANT BOMBS IN JALALABAD AT A RATE HIGHER THAN IN THE RECENT PAST. CITY RESIDENTS REPORTEDLY ARE INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR SAFETY. AN AFGHAN REPORTS CHRONIC, INTENSE FIGHTING AT ASMAR (35°02'N 71°22'E).

13. (LCU) HALKH: A DIPLOMAT OF UNDETERMINED RELIABILITY CLAIMS THAT MUJAHIDIN NEAR KHAMSAH (PHONETIC, UNLOCATED) RECENTLY DESTROYED A SECTION OF THE GAS PIPELINE TO THE SOVIET UNION.

14. (LCU) HERAT: AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT CLAIMS MUJAHIDIN KILLED A MUJAHIDIN TURNCOAT NAMED SAYED DOOR AND HIS SON.

15. (LCU) KGNAR: AN UNTESTED SOURCE CLAIMS MUJAHIDIN ARE ATTACKING URA POSTS IN THE KGNAR.

16. (LCU) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS: KAFUL CONTINUES TO FACE A SHORTAGE OF GASOLINE. LINES OF HUNDREDS OF VEHICLES HAVE FORMED DAILY AT GAS STATIONS SINCE OCTOBER 22. SOME PRIVATE VEHICLES APPEAR TO BE RELYING ON BLACK MARKET PURCHASES. ONE WELL-SOURCED REPORT CLAIMS THAT THE REGIME HAS VIRTUALLY EXHAUSTED ITS JOOIU GASOLINE STOCKS. ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, THE REGIME IN 1986 RELIED UPON THE 1987 BUTIT FAD CONTRACTED FOR FROM THE SOVIETS AND NOW HAS COME UP SHORT FOR ITS 1987 REQUIREMENTS. REGULAR MOVEMENT OF MILITARY FUEL CONVOYS ON THE SALANG DURING THE WEEK. A TRAVELLER'S REPORT THAT THE SALANG IS OPEN, AND A SIMILAR SHORTAGE IN LATE-DECEMBER 1986 AND EARLY-JANUARY OF THIS YEAR LEADS CREDENCE TO THIS ACCOUNT.

B. POWER SHORTAGES: POWER OUTAGES HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY FREQUENT THROUGHOUT THE CAPITAL SINCE EARLY OCTOBER.

C. PRICE RISES: A COMPARISON OF OCTOBER 1986 AND OCTOBER 1987 MARKET PRICES INDICATES SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES FOR MOST STAPLES, INCLUDING: 61 PERCENT INCREASE IN GRAIN PRICES; 38 PERCENT INCREASE FOR VEGETABLES; 83 PERCENT INCREASE FOR FRUITS AND A 45 PERCENT INCREASE FOR MEATS. ALL PRICE INCREASES EXCEEDED THE FALL IN VALUE OF THE AFGHANI OVER THE SAME PERIOD

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WHICH WAS APPROXIMATELY 20 PERCENT (144 AFGHANIS PER  
ONE U.S. DOLLAR IN OCTOBER 1986, TO 173 AFGHANIS  
CURRENTLY).

17. (LOU) POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS:

A. PDPA DRA DELEGATION TO MOSCOW: NAJIJULLAH LED A  
PARTY AND STATE DELEGATION TO MOSCOW, OCTOBER 31, TO  
ATTEND THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOLSHEVIK

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REVOLUTION. ACCOMPANYING THE GENERAL SECRETARY WERE PRIME MINISTER SULTAN ALI KESHIMAND AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATION MOHAMMAD ASLAM WATANJAR. INCLUSION OF PROMINENT KHALQI WATANJAR APPEARS TO BE A KEY TO THE KHALQI FACTION ALTHOUGH THE ABSENCE OF KHALQI LEADER, AND NAJIBULLAH KHAL, GULABZOI FROM THE DELEGATION MIGHT BE READ AS A SNUB. WATANJAR'S PRESENCE ON THE DELEGATION HAS ADDED TO SPECULATION THAT THE KHALQI FIGURE, THOUGHT TO BE A FAVORITE OF THE SOVIETS, COULD BE IN LINE FOR ADVANCEMENT NOTWITHSTANDING RECENT PUBLIC CRITICISM OF HIS MINISTRY BY THE PRIME MINISTER.

3. ARRESTS OF KAPMAL SUPPORTERS: A VERY RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS THAT 80 TO 90 PDPA MEMBERS WHO WERE SUPPORTERS OF MAHPAK KAPMAL HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AT KABUL UNIVERSITY. THESE ARRESTS, WHICH INCLUDED MANY STUDENTS, TEND TO SUBSTANTIATE SEPARATE REPORTS THAT IN ALL, SEVERAL HUNDRED KAPMAL SUPPORTERS WERE ARRESTED IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO AND FOLLOWING THE OCTOBER PARTY PLENUM AND CONFERENCE.

4. PDPA SEEKS TO INVOLVE NON-PARTY FIGURES IN REGIME: A WELL-PLACED SOURCE REPORTS THAT THE DRA CURRENTLY IS SEEKING CANDIDATES TO FILL TWO RECENTLY CREATED DEPUTY MINISTER POSITIONS IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THE REPORT APPEARS PLAUSIBLE, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT, OCTOBER 31, THAT SEVERAL NON-PDPA FIGURES HAD BEEN APPOINTED TO SENIOR LEVEL REGIME POSITIONS: MAHMOUDULLAH KOSHANI WAS NAMED DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND PRESIDENT OF THE STATE PLANNING COMMITTEE; MOHAMMAD ESAQ KAWA WAS NAMED MINISTER OF MINES AND INDUSTRIES AND LEMAR AHMAD LEMAR WAS NAMED GENERAL PRESIDENT OF CUSTOMS. KOSHANI AND KAWA ARE ASSOCIATED WITH A LEFTIST SPLITTER GROUP, THE "TAILERS REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION OF AFGHANISTAN" WHILE LEMAR WAS THE PREVIOUS MINISTER OF MINES AND INDUSTRIES.

5. MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONALITIES SPLIT: A PDPA POLITBURO DECISION, ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 31, HAS DIVIDED THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONALITIES INTO TWO MINISTRIES, ONE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS AND ONE FOR NATIONALITIES. THE DECISION IS SIMILAR TO ONE IN LATE-SUMMER WHICH DIVIDED THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE IN TWO.

6. LOYA JIRGA TO CONVENE: THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, OCTOBER 29, PASSED A LAW WHICH CONVENES THE SPECIAL LOYA JIRGA (EMPOWERED TO APPROVE THE CONSTITUTION AND ELECT A PRESIDENT) IN THE MONTH OF QAUZ (NOVEMBER 21 - DECEMBER 22).

18. (LOU) HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS: POSSIBLY IN RESPONSE TO NAJIBULLAH'S RECENT CALL FOR AN INCREASE IN

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THE SIZE OF THE DRA MILITARY TO 200,000 (SEE "MILITARY  
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A MAJOR SHARNOOI INDOCTRINATION CENTER IN WAZIR AKHAR KHAN  
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A. MAJOR SOVIET COLUMN REPA  
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BETWEEN 10 AND 1100 HOURS, A SOVIET COLUMN OF 300 TO  
400 VEHICLES LEFT KAPUL HEADED SOUTHWEST ON THE GHAZNI  
ROAD. THE COLUMN INCLUDED SELF-PROPELLED GUNS AND WAS  
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C. NAJIBULLAH DISCUSSES DRA TROOP STRENGTH: IN A  
RECENT SPEECH NAJIBULLAH CLAIMED THE FOLLOWING TROOP  
STRENGTH FOR DRA ARMED FORCES: DRA ARMY, 40,000;  
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SUFFICIENT FORCES 27,000. SEPARATELY, A RELIABLE SOURCE  
PUTS THE STRENGTH OF DRA VILLAGE MILITIA AT 36,000. IN  
THE SPEECH, NAJIBULLAH SET AS AN OBJECTIVE AN INCREASE  
OF TOTAL DRA ARMED FORCES STRENGTH TO 210,000 (15,000  
OF WHICH SPECIFICALLY WOULD BE ADDED TO SARNOOI  
FORCES). COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THESE FORCE LEVELS TO  
BE ROUGHLY ACCURATE THOUGH IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT  
MILITIA AND FRONTIER FORCES GENERALLY ARE OF  
QUESTIONABLE EFFECTIVENESS DUE TO POOR TRAINING,  
INADEQUATE EQUIPMENT AND DUBIOUS LOYALTY TO THE  
REGIM. POOR TRAINING ALSO LIMITS DRA ARMY  
EFFECTIVENESS, WHILE DUBIOUS LOYALTY AND FACTIONALISM  
(AMONG THE OFFICER CORPS) GENERALLY A MITSTHEN  
EFFECTIVENESS. ALL DRA MEN UNGRATIS/09

D. ROAD SECURITY: AS OF OCTOBER 29, ACCORDING TO AN  
AFGHAN SOURCE, THE GHAZNI ROAD SOUTH OF MARGAN SHAR WAS  
BLOCKED TO CIVILIAN TRAFFIC.

E. AIR MOVEMENT: DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, THE  
VOLUME OF NIGHTTIME UL  
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REMAINED AT THE SAME LEVEL AS THE PREVIOUS 2

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24. CLPSSIBLY DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER ON OCTOBER 27, THERE  
WERE NO IL-76 ARRIVALS/DEPARTURES. ON OCTOBER 31,  
THREE IL-76'S LANDED AT KJHUL IN THE LATE AFTERNOON AND  
THEN DEPARTED LATER IN THE EVENING. A TOTAL OF 24  
IL-76'S ARRIVED/DEPARTED DURING THE WEEK. THE AN-32  
CLINE AIRCRAFT, NEWLY DEPLOYED TO AFGHANISTAN, APPEARS  
TO HAVE A MORE POWERFUL ENGINE WHICH ENABLES IT TO  
CLIMB QUICKLY TO ALTITUDE AFTER TAKE-OFF. DIPLOMATS  
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REPORT THAT DEPARTING SOVIET AND DRA HELICOPTERS  
CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN LOW-LEVEL FLIGHT IN THE KARUL AREA  
BUT HAVE BEGUN TO FLY WITH GREATER SPACING BETWEEN  
AIRCRAFT IN FORMATION. THE NUMBER OF BAKHTAR YAK-40  
COOLING AIRCRAFT FLYING IN THE UGP OF KARUL N RELET  
WEEKS HAS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY.

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A. OCTOBER 31: KAHUL TELEVISION NOTED THAT  
DELEGATIONS FROM SOVIET TADZHIKISTAN AND UZBEKISTAN  
REPECTIVELY VISITED MAZAR-I-SHARIF AND MET WITH  
OFFICIALS IN KAHUL.

B. OCTOBER 27: ACCORDING TO KAHUL MEDIA AN ATTEMPT TO  
PLANT A BOMB AT THE PLAZA HOTEL WAS FOILED.

C. OCTOBER 24: KAHUL REPORTED THE SIGNING OF AN  
ECONOMICAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROTOCOL BETWEEN  
THE DRA AND SOVIET UNION FOR GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND  
MINING. A SENIOR SOVIET GEOLOGICAL TEAM CURRENTLY IS  
IN AFGHANISTAN.

D. OCTOBER 25: THE KAHUL MEDIA CLAIMED THAT 1987 UN  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DRA AMOUNTED TO 13 MILLION DOLLARS.

21. (C) NOT TO BE BRIEFED TO PRESS:

A. REPORT OF TWO U.S. JOURNALISTS KILLED IN  
AFGHANISTAN: THE MFA CLAIMS TO HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE  
REGARDING THE DEATH OF TWO U.S. JOURNALISTS IN  
AFGHANISTAN BUT HAS AGREED TO INVESTIGATE THE REPORTS.

B. SOVIET AIRCRAFT COLLIDE: A DRA SOURCE REPORTS THAT  
ON OCTOBER 23, A SOVIET FIXED WING AIRCRAFT CARRYING  
SOVIET MILITARY PERSONNEL TO THE SOVIET UNION COLLIDED  
WITH A SOVIET HELICOPTER NEAR EITHER KAHUL OR BAGRAM  
AIRPORT. A TOTAL OF 23 OR 29 SOVIETS WERE KILLED  
(COMMENT: WE HAVE NOT AS YET BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM THIS  
REPORT.)

C. KARMAL MOVED FROM MOSCOW?: A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT  
REPORTS A RUMOR THAT FOLLOWING RECENT ATTEMPTS BY  
AFGHAN STUDENTS TO CONTACT BAKKAR KARMAL IN MOSCOW, HE  
WAS MOVED TO IRKUTSK. THERE ARE OTHER REPORTS OF A  
POSSIBLE MOVE TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

22. MOSCOW MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. GLASSMAN  
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